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Tuesday the 30th July 1946|14th Karkatakom 1121.

The Assembly reassembled at 11 of the Clock in the Legislative Chamber, Public Offices, with the Dewan-President in the Chair.

MEMBERS SWORN.

The following members took the oath and signed the Rolls:-

1. Mr. T. K. Gopalan Nair (*Secretary to Government.*)
2. Dr. S. John (*Surgeon-General*).
3. Mr. S. Parthasarathy Aiyangar (*Inspector-General of Police*).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

'Grow More Food Campaign.

241. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what, if any, measures have been adopted towards "Grow More Food" Campaign;

(*b*) whether any steps have been taken by way of improved irrigation facilities in the matter of "Grow More Food" Campaign and if so how many acres of land have been brought under paddy cultivation by affording greater irrigation facilities?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) A *statement containing the information is laid on the table.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: In the Appendix, it is stated that 32,000 acres of land have been brought under cultivation. May I know from where are these lands taken?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: It is taken from all parts of Travancore.

* *Vide* Appendix I.

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MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know from which part of Travancore?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: From all parts of Travancore—from Cape Comorin to Parur.

MR. T. K NARAYANA PILLAI: That I can understand. That is not a courteous answer. Impertinent answers can be given like this. May I know from which part of Travancore are these lands taken?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Sir, the answer is pertinent to the question. It is taken from throughout Travancore.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know how much of it is in the Trivandrum and Neyyattinkara Taluks?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: About 6,000 acres.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know how much of these 6,000 acres have been brought under cultivation?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: The next crop will begin only in Kanni.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: That is not my question. May I know what portion of this 6,000 acres has been brought under the benefit of the scheme?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: The next crop begins only in Kanni.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: In the Appendix No. I it is stated that a large portion has been brought under the scheme. I must have an idea.....

PRESIDENT: Order, order.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): May I know whether there are any tanks in them?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Yes, Sir.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know how many minor irrigation works have been completed?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: I shall read out the answer. The Thodu near the 14th Mile in the T. S. Road, has been deepened. The drainage channel of Mundakari yelah, the Chandramangalathu. Thodu and the Thamarabaghom Tank in the Madathuvilagom Pakuthy have been deepened. About 600 acres are to be benefited by these schemes.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: That is deepening of the Thodu. Is there any other scheme for improving irrigation?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Steps will be taken to improve all the tanks and thodus.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): ഇറിഗേഷൻ കാര്യങ്ങൾക്കായി, മീനച്ചിലാറിന്റെ തീരത്തുള്ള ഏഴായിരത്തിൽപരം ഏക്കർ സ്ഥലം; മൈനർ ഇറിഗേഷൻ, ലിഫ്റ്റ് ഇറിഗേഷൻ ഇവ മൂലം, കൃഷിക്ക് അത്യാവശ്യമാക്കിത്തീർക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്നുള്ള കാര്യത്തെക്കുറിച്ചു; വല്ല റെപ്രസന്റേഷനും കിട്ടിയിട്ടുള്ള വിവരം അറിയാമോ?

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MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Yes, Sir. A representation was received from the honourable member and that has been sent to the Electrical Engineer for investigation.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH: ഇതു സംബന്ധിച്ച് വല്ല നടപടിയും നടത്താൻ തീരുമാനിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതായി പറയാമോ?

PRESIDENT: Order, order.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnathur*): May I know whether .irrigation facilities have been provided for any portion in the Mavelikara and Kunnathur Taluks?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Yes, Sir. Certain works are going on and a scheme is under contemplation for Cherukodu.

MR. K. A. MATHEW (*Tiruvalla*): May I know whether any extent of land has been brought under cultivation in Tiruvalla?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: The scheme will be completed by Kanni and about 2,000 acres of land will be brought under cultivation.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether some portions were fit for Lift Irrigation?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: That also is under investigation by the Electrical Engineer.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): May I know whether any portion from these 33,000 acres of land is intended for the reserve area?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. M. PAUL (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether any irrigation works have been started in Muvattupuzha?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Some works have been started. No work has been completed.

MR. K. M. PAUL: May I know at least the names of those works?

PRESIDENT: Order, order.

MR. P. O. THOMAS (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): May I know from the honourable member where a central Vegetable Farm is going to be started?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Yes. One is going to be started in South Travancore and another in Central Travancore. Arrangements have already been made.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether arrangements have already been made for the starting of the Central Vegetable Farm?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Provision has been made and the Director of Agriculture has been requested to open this farm.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know how long it is since the scheme has been inaugurated?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Just about two months ago.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: May I know whether seeds have been supplied?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Yes, Sir.

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MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnathur*): സർ, കുന്നത്തൂർ താലൂക്കിൽ ഉള്ള വർക്ക്സ് ഓക്കമെൻറ് ചെയ്തതാരാണ്?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Now the Division Peishkars, the Executive Engineers and the Irrigation Engineer have all been asked to attend to this work.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN: ജനപ്രതിനിധികളായിട്ടും, നിയമസഭാമെമ്പറന്മാരായിട്ടും ഉള്ളവരെ ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് അറിയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Instructions have also been issued that works should be undertaken in consultation with the Members of the Assembly.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know the names of seeds that have been supplied over and above what is existing at present?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: All vegetable seeds and selected seeds of paddy have been distributed.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH: ഈ രണ്ടു മാസംകൊണ്ട് ധൃതഗതിയിൽ ഇതു തിന്നില്ലെങ്കിൽ അതു അധികം താമസിയാതെ തന്നെ തീർക്കാൻ ശ്രമിക്കുമോ?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Certainly, Sir.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): In Part I of the Appendix it makes mention of a subsidy of Rs. 100 each per well. May I know in which part of the country irrigation through wells is being conducted except in the matter of Lift Irrigation?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Irrigation wells are being opened both in North and South Travancore.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether any subsidy has been given in South Travancore?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: No application has been received so far by Government.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether irrigation through wells is possible and successful in Southern Travancore?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Yes, it is possible.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Has it been tried?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: Yes.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Advocate-General*): Sir, a large number of questions have been put.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: In regard to para V of the Appendix, may I know whether bonus and subsidies were actually paid up till now?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: The Director is making payments. So I have not got the list just now.

Motor vehicles allotted for Travancore.

242. *MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state:

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(b) whether those appointed had any previous service as Head clerks?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER: *(a)* Three years on an average.

(b) No, they were graduates recruited as clerks by the Public Service Commissioner, and were promoted as Head clerks on passing the Registration Test.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER.

Town and Taluk Textile Advisory Committee.

1. *MR. M. L. JANARDHANAN PILLAI *(Nominated)*: Will the Government be pleased to state when they expect to form the new Town and Taluk Advisory Committees?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: As early as practicable.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: താലൂക്കുകമ്മിറ്റിയുടെ ലിസ്റ്റുകൂടാതെ ധാരാളം അളുകൾക്ക് കമ്മിഷണർ കോട്ടാ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതായി അറിയാമോ?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: അറിയാൻപാടില്ല.

Appendix I.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 241.**

Measures adopted in connection with the Grow More Food Campaign.

Following arrangements have been made in connection with the Grow More Food Campaign.

1. Irrigation facilities.

The P. W. D. was asked to give priority to minor irrigation works. During the last 6 weeks 81 minor irrigation works were completed, 225 works are nearing completion and 156 works are being started. An extent of 32,000 acres of land will be benefited by these works. A subsidy of Rs. 100 per well is also being made available for sinking new wells for irrigation purposes.

Lift irrigation works have been sanctioned at Chengamanad, Okkalkara and Puthuvasseri for irrigating paddy lands at the instance of private individuals. Government have also sanctioned the extension of electric power lines to Avanamcode in North Travancore for affording lift irrigation facilities to the agriculturists. Arrangements have been made for the procurement of pumping sets with the requisite pipes, bends etc., and engines for supply to the agriculturists on hire or hire purchase system Under the Electric Lift Irrigation Project in North Travancore about 1,000 acres of single crop paddy lands on the banks of the Periyar river have already been converted into double crop paddy lands. It is estimated that about 5,000 acres more will be brought under the next crop as a result of the extension scheme at Avanamcode. A sum of Rs. 1,50,000 has been sanctioned for this purpose.

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2. *Supply of manures.*

Arrangements have been made by the Agricultural Department for the procurement and distribution of chemical and organic manures on a large scale among bona fide cultivators on a subsidised basis at 2/3 of the cost price. Manure depots have been opened throughout the State. Village Unions and Co-operative Societies are being made the centres of distribution. So far, 62 depots have been stocked with different kinds of manures and more will be opened shortly. Arrangements have been made by the Conservator of Forests to issue free passes to ryots for collecting and conveying green and dry manure leaves and leaf moulds from the Reserve Forests in the State for a period of one year.

3. *Supply of seeds.*

The Agricultural Department has made arrangements for the procurement and distribution of vegetable seeds at nominal prices and for the opening of a Central Vegetable Farm and seed producing nurseries attached to the Departmental Farms for the multiplication and distribution of seeds.

4. *Supply of Agricultural equipment.*

Arrangements have been made to supply small timber at nominal prices for making agricultural implements and for the manufacture and supply of agricultural implements at concessional rates.

5. *Bonus and subsidies.*

Bonus is being granted to cultivators for the cultivation of vegetables and other irrigated food crops at Rs. 20 and for dry food crops at Rs. 10 per acre of land newly brought under food crops. Arrangements have been made to grant bonus to the Municipalities engaged in production of compost manure. In order to encourage the destruction of rats, arrangements have been made for a bonus at the rate of one chuckram per rat being given to any person who kills rats.

6. *Additional lands made available for cultivation.*

The Division Peishkars have been instructed to arrange for tank beds, marshy lands and other low lying areas where single or double crops of paddy or tapioca or other food crops could be raised, being leased out on favourable terms for a period of three years to bonafide cultivators with a view to bringing such lands under food crops. About 23,000 acres of poramboke lands in the Thovala taluk have been arranged to be leased in small blocks for raising food crops for a period of three years. The water free areas of certain tank beds in Agastiswaram taluk have been arranged to be leased out to ryots for raising vegetables during hot season. Tracts of land in Devicolam taluk suitable for wheat cultivation have been arranged to be leased out for the purpose on reasonable terms.

It is estimated that over 33,000 acres of garden lands will be brought under food crops shortly.

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